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SUBJ: BUTHELEZI REJECTS SAG OFFER OF "INTERNAL AUTONOMY"

REF: PRETORIA 1557

1. KWAZULU CHIEF MINISTER, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, ANNOUNCED THAT THE KWAZULU CABINET IS NOT INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED PHASE THREE OF HOMELAND DEVELOPMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE SAG (REFTEL). (NEW SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE FOR "INTERNALLY AUTONOMOUS" STATES HAVING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL INTERNAL AFFAIRS WHILE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT RETAINS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CERTAIN LIMITED FINANCIAL AND COMMUNITY MATTERS. EACH HOMELAND WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS STAGE VOLUNTARILY IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN ITS TERRITORY.)

2. SPEAKING BEFORE KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, CURRENTLY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANNUAL SESSION, CHIEF BUTHELEZI SAID HE HAD ALREADY REPLIED IN WRITING TO PRETORIA THAT THE KWAZULU CABINET FELT THE PROPOSED LAW HAD NOTHING TO OFFER KWAZULU "IN LIGHT OF OUR WHOLE ATTITUDE ABOUT INDEPENDENCE, AND THE UNACCEPTABLE MANNER IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING ABOUT THE TASK OF CONSOLIDATION (OF KWAZULU). WE SEE NO STATE IN WHICH WE CAN EXERCISE ALL THESE RIGHTS OF NATIONHOOD."

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3. BUTHELEZI'S PRONOUNCEMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH HIS POSITION OF AVOIDING STEPS WHICH HIS DETRACTORS CAN CONSTRUE AS COOPERATING WITH SAG IN PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE FOR KWAZULU. HIS IMMEDIATE REJECTION, COMING LESS THAN A DAY AFTER LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED BY THE SAG, REINFORCES HIS REPUTATION FOR VOCAL OPPOSITION TO SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. WHILE HE IS AHEAD OF THE OTHER HOMELAND LEADERS ON THIS POINT, THERE IS, AS YET, NO INDICATION HOW OTHER LEADERS WILL REACT TO THE TEMPTING OFFER OF INCREASED INTERNAL SELF-RULE BEING DANGLED BEFORE THEM BY THE SAG. BUTHELEZI'S INFLUENCE WITH FELLOW HOMELAND LEADERS IS NOT GREAT AND HE HAS MADE NO RECENT PUBLIC ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THEM TO JOIN HIM IN REFUSING THE NEW STATUS. HOWEVER, HIS MOVE TO THE FORE ON THIS ISSUE POSSIBLY COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR OTHER LEADERS TO ACCEPT THE SAG OFFER.

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